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Adiós Amigos

Students say goodbye to BG, hello to Spain

By ANNE MOSS
The BG News

Imagine being transplanted to another country, living in a small apartment with a strange family and studying in a foreign college.

The above scenario is true for 20-30 students who study abroad in Spain during one of the three sessions. The program, known as Academic Year in Spain, has been running since 1962.

The purpose of the program is to get the learning experience of a lifetime. The students are centered in the city of Alcalá de Henares, which is about 19 miles east of Madrid. They study at Universidad de Alcalá de Henares.

Kathleen Humphrey, a sophomore who studied in Spain last semester, said that she enjoyed learning the new customs and had a lot of fun, but it was a huge change from American life.

Humphrey lived with a family of four in a small apartment in the city of Alcalá. She had a host mother and father, and two host sisters. She said her host family spoke no English, which made it very difficult to communicate. But throughout her trip, her communication skills improved, she said.

"I got very good at charades," Humphrey said. "I literally learned how to speak with my hands."

Humphrey described her day as busy. She woke up and ate, and went to classes at 11 a.m. Then at 2 p.m. the entire city would shut down for siesta. She said the family would eat dinner around this time. During her free time she would do homework or meet some friends in the local pub, she said.

Kara Ellis, a recent graduate, also participated in the program, but chose to study during the summer session. She was a spokesperson for the program



Photo Provided

Kathleen Humphrey (right) and Erin Cruthers (left) hang out on a castle in Avila, Spain.

last semester.

Ellis also stayed with a host family. She said the apartment was small, but furnished very nicely. Ellis compared it to a flat that could be found in London.

"No one should think that this experience is going to be easy, when you get there, it takes a lot of getting used to," Ellis said.

She said she primarily had trouble getting used to siesta, because it made it difficult to run errands because the entire city shut down for several hours.

Both girls took classes at the main building, where the department for abroad studies was located.

"Most classes are held in old 17th century buildings," said Cindy Phelps, director of the AYA. "In fact, the main building is an abandoned convent from this time."

Phelps said there is no actual campus, the buildings are scattered around the downtown

area of the city. Everything is within walking distance though.

At the end of every month, BGSU students would gather and travel around Spain and sometimes other countries, on group excursions. For Ellis, during the summer session, group excursions took place every weekend.

Both students said that this was a great experience. Humphrey learned about her own independence and became better at communicating. Ellis already was skilled in communication, so it was basically a fun and interesting trip for her. They would both recommend checking out the program.

If you are interested in participating in the program, you can contact Phelps, or you can contact her student assistant, Kristina Ludemann, at 372-8053. You can also go to their office in 207 Shatzel Hall. They will be accepting applications until Feb. 28.

Center seeks conflict resolutions

By DANIEL WATCHORN
The BG News

With the concept for a conflict resolution center in its beginning stages, an ad hoc committee on conflict resolution seeks to gather University-wide support.

The student-run committee started in the spring of 1998 because of an apparent need for low-level conflict resolution. The center will offer opportunities to informally resolve conflict through mediation and also to teach skills in communication and cooperation.

Stefoni Bavin, a graduate student in sociology and committee

chairman, said there is a demonstrated need for such a center on campus.

"There have been a number of situations where low-level conflicts had no place to turn to," she said. "There needs to be some specific course for redress."

Graduate Student Senate President Rich Hughes agreed with Bavin about the need for such a center.

"At this time, there is no system set up to deal with the overloading the formal systems such as judicial affairs and affirmative action (which) are seeing lower level cases," Hughes said. "The center will not replace existing systems, but will provide an

option to them and give support."

According to Bavin, the idea of mediation is fairly new, very effective in resolving disputes and is reaching greater popularity.

Compared to other resolution avenues, the purpose of mediation is not to judge guilt or innocence but to help parties get at the root of their problems and devise their own solutions to them, she said.

When a student or faculty member has a conflict, the first step would be to contact the center, Bavin said. From there, a mediator would invite the other party to sit down and openly dis-

cuss the problems of the conflicting parties.

"The center would offer an air of friendliness that is conducive to finding resolution," Bavin said. "Both parties enter at a level playing field where neither party has power over the other."

Bavin also suggests that the center will be empowering to individuals because both parties are involved in the process.

Mediation as a way to solve disputes is not fully known by the University, she said. But it is gaining momentum and interest. The sooner the people become aware, the sooner the center will open.

Program promotes spiritual healing

By IRENE SHARON SCOTT
The BG News

In the spirit of Nguzo-Saba principles, Precious Stones, a spiritual organization, invites African-American and Latina women to spiritually unite and heal.

According to Lyndell Robinson, Precious Stones member, the organization's vision is to provide a place where women can heal and discover themselves by promoting respect, love, empowerment, sisterhood and spirituality.

Precious Stones is a spiritual organization, which sponsors the Rites of Passage. It is an eight-week program that will be held every Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon in the Taft Room of the Student Union. This Saturday, Feb. 13, will be the last open meeting for the Rites this semester.

Marian Adomakoh, the organization's advisor, said each session focuses on a scene, which is geared toward self-development. Some of the scenes are communication, empowerment, balance/maximizing one's potential, health/fitness and mapping progress.

Kimara Wilson, the organization's president, said the Rites are different for each woman who participates.

"We offer an opportunity for personal growth that you can not get in the classroom," she said. "Everyone has their opinion about us, but don't believe everything you hear. We are a real organization with a desire to meet the needs of the women of color here on campus."

Robinson believes the Rites do not heal the women, however she said it provides a safe place for women to express themselves

"Within this forum, women are encouraged to talk these things out and accept the support of her sisters. Often it is the ability to talk things out with

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Summit allows student input

By AMYJO L. BROWN
The BG News

For the second year, students will meet with faculty members from the College of Arts and Sciences to discuss ways the college can improve its methods of education.

Members of the Arts and Sciences advisory committee are anxious to hear concerns and questions students may have about the quality of their education.

"The goal is to bring the dean of the arts and sciences, one of the most important academic leaders on campus, face to face with students," said Tim Pogacar, committee chairman. He added that this kind of meeting rarely happens.

Students were selected by the committee based on their leadership qualities. Approximately 160 invitations were sent out to the student leaders of campus organizations.

"We had a surprising amount of feedback from the first announcement," Pogacar said. "It suggests that students are interested in talking to the dean."

Issues that the council would like to discuss are how they can

improve the learning environment, advising and the curriculum; however, any concerns students have may be raised.

"It's an opportunity for students to provide input on education," said Scott Regan, faculty member of the committee.

Although the summit is being held to hear students' concerns, the concerns should be directly related to education.

"Concerns about parking, recreation or the bars are out of our venue," Regan said.

Lee Meserve, also a faculty member of the committee, said the summit is a perfect opportunity for students to get their voices heard.

"As an undergraduate, you look at it as one of your jobs to complain," he said. "When you complain there is no one to hear you but yourself unless you address your concerns to someone who has a say."

The summit will be held on Feb. 23 at 7 p.m. in the Capital Room, on the 3rd floor of the Student Union. Those students who did not receive an invitation and are interested in attending are welcome to do so.

"Anytime we get input, feedback, there is more of a possibility for change," Meserve said.

Grounds for thought

By SARAH DELANEY
The BG News

Coffee drinkers around Bowling Green may have noticed a new addition to the coffee house Grounds For Thought.

Three weeks ago, an internet workstation became the newest part of the business' information-charged atmosphere.

Today, Grounds for Thought will host a grand opening event for the new workstation at 5:30 p.m., which will include free refreshments and an internet seminar.

The internet workstation can be used by Grounds customers during normal business hours for research or entertainment.

Grounds For Thought received the internet workstation as a donation from Internet Direct and The Answer Factory, two local vendors.

Kelly Wicks, the owner of Grounds For Thought for the past 10 years, said Bill Rigg of Internet Direct was "the real energy behind the project."

According to Rigg, the two vendors considered setting up



BG News Photo/ SCOTT FAUBER

Jessica Calabrese, nursing student, logs on to the Internet Wednesday afternoon at Grounds for Thought. The computers were donated by Internet Direct and The Answer Factory.

the workstation at Kaufman's before deciding on Grounds For Thought.

"We chose Grounds for Thought because of its atmosphere and because it attracts the target public we're looking for — students," Rigg said. "I think students will make better use of it than middle-aged business people."

Grounds For Thought is

known for its extensive book and magazine collections which are frequently used by University students.

"The new computer is just another tool, like the reference section, for gathering information," Wicks said.

Rigg approached Wicks about setting up the computer

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OPINION

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"An independent student voice serving
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guest column

I don't keep up on the news by tuning into the media, I just eavesdrop on people's conversations. A Caucasian woman (just covering my PC bottom) tried to make light of an ad she read in the paper about Black History Month to her friend. She said, "Why is there a Black History Month? Why isn't there a White History Month?" Her friend said in a sarcastic tone, "That would be racist of you, but if we were minorities then it would be called pride."

They just laughed it off. I thought about just turning around and interjecting on their conversation, but I left my soapbox at home.

I remember a column by Brian Taylor talking about how every month should be considered Black History Month. I agree. I agree that we, not as a white, black, yellow, brown or a person with blue hair, should reflect on our history daily, American history. America is a continual motif of battles against injustices done to it.

Fighting injustice is the core of America. Its basis is a document that states that the people of this land will not tolerate English excrement anymore. The early colonists fled from religious persecution and tyranny.

The Civil War dealt with inner injustices about command, cotton and color. Not only have African-Americans, Indians and Asians suffered throughout our history, but so have the Irish, Italians and Germans. Then our history leans toward a hostile perception on hippies, gays and lesbians and blacks.

Our teachers preach these historical gospels, so that we will remember them. You all have heard it, those that forget it, repeat it. In the 50's and 60's, blacks needed men like Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X to defend their cause. In today's society, there is no real leader to turn to. So we as Americans have to get off our bottoms and take responsibility for ourselves. Our teachers at night pray that we learn history, and hopefully retain some of it, but the 90's have proved that we haven't learned a damn thing.

If it were so, then a few years ago, a black man wouldn't have been clubbed, almost to death, by white police officers. If it were so, then last summer, a black man wouldn't have been beaten and dragged to death for two miles by a truck of white men. If it were so, then last week, an unarmed African immigrant wouldn't have been shot at 41 times, in his own apartment by white police officers.

I take time out to listen to what people are saying, but it seems like a lot of people aren't listening to what they themselves are saying. Today, we talk about the crimes of racism in the past tense, but this decade, last year and last week don't make the facts old enough to forget. At times we look too broad into the future and the past. Black History Month is a way of focusing perspective for just a moment. Don't worry, you won't go blind, hopefully you'll see things a lot clearer. History is a tool that measures how far we have gone. I know that America hasn't traveled far enough to ask if we're there yet.

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True meaning, origin of Valentine's Day explored

Well, it is only four days away, the time of the year when half of the population seems to be engaged in happy relationships while the other half seems to complain about the first half. You got it, Valentine's Day.

The 14th of February comes every year and with it Hallmark cards and Hershey Kisses and let's not forget the homemade Valentine's Day boxes that every child so proudly displays on their desk at school. This holiday has been around as long as anyone can remember but do you know the origin of this day? No. I did not think so. I guess you are in luck because I do.

Depending on what book you consult, the story is a little bit different but most everything is similar. There were two people who lived around the same time and were named Saint Valentine (although at the time they were not named saint, you have to be dead to be a saint) both were Christian and this is the main reason that they were killed. It is said that one of them was imprisoned for helping prosecute Christians of the time. During his time in prison he was said to have sent messages to his friends signed "Remember your Valentine" and "I love you" His day of execution by clubbing? Feb. 14.

The other Valentine was a priest who secretly married couples; which at the time, under the

Judson Laipply



Columnist

law of Emperor Claudius, was illegal. This made Valentine a felon, imprisoning him. It is told that he became friends with the jailer's daughter, cured her through prayer, and on the date of his execution (Feb. 14) sent her a message signed "Your Valentine."

All that is known for sure is that Valentine was a Christian and that he was killed for reasons surrounding his Christianity, beyond that no one really knows.

As far as the celebration of the Holiday, well that is quite interesting. The 14th was set aside to remember St. Valentine, one day before the Pagan Love Festival, Lupercalia. In 496 A.D., Pope Gelasius changed Lupercalia from the 15th to the 14th in hope to stop the pagan celebration. The church realized that celebrating love was not wrong but the pagan aspects were an insult to God. Thus, Lupercalia was done away with but left an impact on Valentine's Day and

we have been celebrating the day ever since. St. Valentine has become known as the "patron of lovers."

There are some rituals that took place long ago but are not well known as annual Valentine's day activities. The Lupercalia ritual, which took place in Rome, was to have all of the women place their names in a box and letting the men draw out of the box. This couple was then paired off for the entire year. After this wore off, the fourteenth century brought about a similar tradition in which sweethearts were chosen for the day by lottery. The corresponding that took place between these two, by notes, was a primitive form of the modern day note sending. By 1780 specialty cards were becoming common and quite popular in Germany and the rest, as they say, is history.

As you can see, Valentine's Day has had different meanings over the years. What does it mean today? Many will say that it is nothing more than a marketing holiday for the greeting card, chocolate and flower corporations and that it has no true meaning. To those I say wake up.

Valentine's Day is a celebration of love. Period. Not a celebration of just two people but a celebration of every person that you love: parents, friends, significant others, religious figures,

pets, whomever. It is a day to remind yourself that love is the single greatest emotion, feeling and expression that there is. It is not a day to get upset if you don't have "someone special" to share it with, although that is not a bad thing. It is just a day to let everyone and everything you love know it.

Of course in the perfect world, everyday would be an expression of love and we would not need a reminder. Let's face it, the world is not perfect and people forget things. That is why we have birthdays, anniversaries and reunions, to help remind us of the great things in our life. I ask you, what is greater than love? If you have a better answer, then let me know. So this Valentine's Day, if you find yourself getting sick of the flowers, cards and chocolates, just take a moment to reflect on what is important in your life, what you love. Then be sure to get a Blue's Clues or Simpson's Valentine to make it authentic.

The website <http://www.bright.net/~magates/Valentine/index.htm> was visited for the above information.

Judson Laipply is currently working on getting a holiday named after himself. The celebration of laughter and it will be known as J-Day. He can be reached at judson@bgnet.bgsu.edu.

USG president and V.P. defended by student

Clifford
Sweinhagen

Guest
Columnist

This letter is in response to Jeff Gill's column on Friday, Feb. 5 and any other individual that does not quite understand the current events occurring in the Undergraduate Student Government.

The following is part of a speech I prepared and read at the Feb. 1 meeting of USG and I feel the general student population needs to hear now:

I am fortunate enough to know both President Hussey, Vice President Russell, as well as many on the executive board, and I have complete and utter faith in any decision made by the President, Vice-President or the executive board. As for Mr. Hussey and Ms. Russell, they are both highly intelligent and capable individuals. They are devoted and dedicated to their work. Their ethical and moral characters are second to none. And what speaks louder than anything is the fact that the undergraduate student population elected these two individuals to the leadership positions that they now hold. The student body trusts President Hussey and Vice President Russell, as well as the entire executive board to work hard and represent the students to the best of their abilities. The whole executive board has done

nothing but excel above and beyond the student's goals and expectations.

The idea that any member of USG would question the President, Vice President, or the executive board's ethical or legislative decision on this issue is ludicrous. Why anyone would stoop so low as to question the spending of funds specifically allotted in the budget for Executive Contingency is a great question. Is it revenge? Is it jealousy? Is it an attempt to tarnish the upstanding record of the executive board? Or is it an attempt to ruin the campaign of certain individuals for positions in next year's elections?

"Whatever the reason, I feel that those individuals with whom these weak and trivial accusations generated should seriously look at themselves, their duties and responsibilities

to the students to help USG run effectively, and also their own ethical standpoints.

I suggest and dearly hope that this matter be quickly put to rest so that the true business and duties of USG may be placed once again at center stage where they belong."

Back now to Mr. Gill's column. People that watch USG meetings maybe once, twice or even occasionally make several generalizations about the meetings:

- As I quote Jeff Gill, "The meeting was comprised of a lot of gibberish and unproductiveness."

- Vice President Maryann Russell runs the meetings of USG.

- President Hussey keeps "making excuses for the actions in question."

First of all, whether the student population realizes this or not, USG has been very productive this year in tackling many student concerns and issues relating to the students' safety. Each meeting is important and is vital to the continued success of the organization.

Secondly, it is clearly stated that the general assembly meetings are to be run by the vice president and overseen by the president. It is Vice President Russell's job, if you will, to con-

trol and operate the meetings. President Hussey is there to oversee the meeting as head of the organization. Lastly, President Hussey is not making excuses. He does not have to. He did nothing wrong. Edward Whipple, Vice President of Student Affairs and Gregory De Crane, Dean of Students have clearly stated that President Hussey has done nothing to violate the Student Organizations Policy in the Student Code. And they should know. They oversee the administration of the Student Code.

In conclusion, to all of those who may have a concern about the current issue in USG, go to the meetings, become involved, and gain a better understanding of the operations of one of the greatest and most powerful organizations on campus. Please don't be lazy and apathetic like Mr. Gill and sit in your room, watching the USG meeting on television and expect to get the whole picture. That way, students may be informed before they make senseless accusations like those made by Mr. Gill in his column.

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website of the day

www.valentines.com

JACKIE'S JOURNAL

by Jackie Martin

It's interview time on campus, or soon will be; you've probably noticed an upsurge in suit-wearing.

The interview is, of course, crucial to landing the job you want. In some cases, nerves may interfere with presenting yourself well. So here are a few things to keep in mind as you go into an interview.

Conventional wisdom says that being yourself is the best way to go. Sure, you don't want to present a façade that won't last past your first coffee break, but let's be realistic here.

When the human resources director has

inspected your resumé and found no evidence of leadership positions on campus, she's going to ask about how well you can take initiative rather than simply follow directions. As you're searching wildly for some example of great team coordination from your illustrious college years, be careful what you reveal.

It is probably a bad idea, for example, to recount proudly how you harangued your hung-over friends until they helped to restore your house/apartment to pre-kick-party condition so that the rental company could show the place two hours later. It may well have taken all of your motivational skills, but let's just say that it's probably not going to win you big maturity points.

Likewise, in response to inquiries about how you deal with job-related stress,

weigh your answer carefully. If you opt not to engage in a discussion of the interpersonal skills that could help to resolve workplace stress, at least stay away from the theme of avoidance through intoxication. And unless you're applying for a government position, it's also probably not in your best interest to mention that you have been known to attempt to relieve office tension by engaging in sordid extramarital affairs, especially with your subordinates.

So what's the bottom line? Be honest, but not ingenuously so. There may be some things that it's better to gloss over, and if you're not smart enough to realize that, the person across the table from you most likely is.

PEOPLE on the street



Kimberly Kirtley
Freshman
Undecided
"Paris, because it's beautiful."



Janet Riehl
Freshman
Elementary Ed.
"Germany, because there is no drinking age."



Stacey Marotta
Freshman
Pre-Social Work
"Australia, because I always wanted to go there and experience everything about it."



Sara Tavrell
Freshman
Early Childhood Ed.
"Italy - it's all about the Italians!"

*People on the street is intended as an unscientific sample of the student population. Anyone desperately hoping to be in this feature may find it profitable to hang around the student union around, say, seven-ish. But you didn't hear it here.

UPCOMING events

Thursday 2/11/99

5 a.m. - 11 p.m.

Multicultural Activities,
Mardi Gras Set-Up
Ballroom.

9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Bake Sale
Sponsored by the Student
Organization of Social Workers.
For more information contact

iangel@bgnet.bgsu.edu or
cgregor@bgnet.bgsu.edu
Education Building.

9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Hershey Kiss Rose Sale
Alpha Phi Omega is sponsoring
this rose sale for your Valentine
sweetie! Math Science Hallway.

9:30 a.m.

"Great Answers to Tough

Interview

Workshop
Please sign up on the Web
through the Spring Calendar
link. 360 Saddle Creek Student
Services.

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

BGSEA Membership Drive
This is a great opportunity for
education majors to get
involved in the BG Student

Questions"

Education Association! Union
Foyer.

10:15 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Dave Matthews ticket
raffle

Win two tickets to see Dave
Matthews and Tim Reynolds in
concert on Feb. 19 at 7:30 p.m.
at the Palace Theatre in
Louisville, KY. Raffle tickets can
be purchased or bursared for
only \$2! Proceeds will benefit

Dance Marathon. Sponsored
by Phi Kappa Tau. Education
steps.

11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Save a life by donating blood.
First floor, Olscamp Hall.

11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Preparing Your Teaching
Portfolio for Academic

Review

To register or for more informa-
tion, contact Geri Ludwig at
gludwig@bgnet.bgsu.edu or
419/372-6898. Pallister
Conference Room, Jerome
Library.

8 - 11 p.m.

Fasching!

German "Mardi Gras", 101 & 126
Shatzel.

WEATHER

TODAY
Showers.

HIGH: 60 LOW: 42

FRIDAY
Rain.

HIGH: 39 LOW: 39

ECORNER

by Paul Khacherian

The mountain winds, like the dew and rain, sunshine and
snow, are measured and bestowed with love on the forests to
develop their strength and beauty. However restricted the scope
of other forest influences, that of the winds is universal.

-John Muir, A Wind-Storm in the Forest

GOOD NEWS

• In September Florida bought its millionth acre of
endangered habitat under the Preservation 2000
program, the largest state land-protection program
in the country. A new law incorporates it into the
state constitution.

• A federal law passed in October will shut down
commercial fishing in 20 percent of Glacier Bay
National Park, in southeastern Alaska.

• More than 20 major corporations - among them
General Motors, Monsanto, and British Petroleum -
have voluntarily agreed to reduce their emissions
of carbon dioxide.

source: Audubon, Jan. - Feb. '99

vituperate

•vi-TOO-pah-rate• (verb) to abuse
or censure severely or abusively

Example: "Vivian vituperated the
vicious villain for valuing vice over
virtue"

Vituperate stems from the Latin "vivi-
um," meaning fault, and "parare," mean-
ing to make.

Once upon a time there was a BG News reader who
wanted her poetry/fiction/artwork on Page Three. So she
sent her creative genius to 210 West Hall, where it landed
in the editor's mailbox. Then, the aforementioned creative
genius was incorporated into the layout of the page. Finally,
said creative genius (or creative mediocrity with some
worthwhile characteristics) was reprinted on every copy of
The BG News throughout the land, and there was much
rejoicing.

daily

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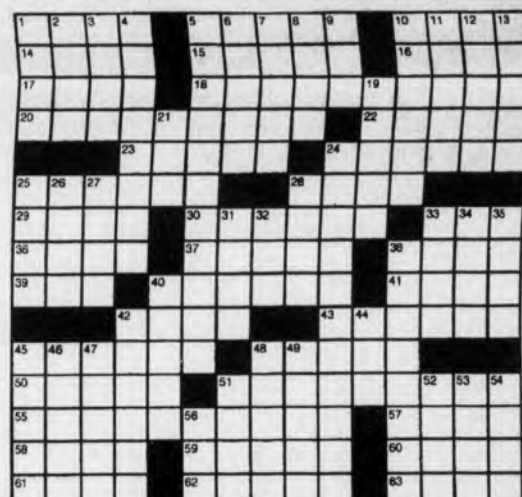
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TV GUIDE SECTION

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 11, 1999

	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
BROADCAST STATIONS												
11	News	CBS News	Wheel-Fortune	Jeopardy!	Diagnosis Murder "Rescue Me"	Turks "Tail" (In Stereo)	48 Hours (In Stereo)	News	News	Late Show		
13	News	ABC World News	Ent. Tonight	Hollywood Sq.	Vengeance Unlimited "Legalese"	Cupid "The Children's Hour"	Crime & Justice (In Stereo)	News	News	Nightline		
24	News	NBC News	Grace Under	Frasier	Friends	Jesse (In Stereo)	Frasier	Veronica's Cl.	ER "The Storm"	News	Tonight Show	
27	Computr Chro.	Business Rpt.	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Ballykissangel	Mystery! "Heat of the Sun"	Mystery! "Heat of the Sun"	Evening of Romance	Waiting for God	Charlie Rose (In Stereo)	Charlie Rose		
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47	(5:00) Showbiz Collection				Pocket Watches					Pocket Watches		
50	Simpsons	Simpsons	Friends	NBA Basketball: Orlando Magic at Detroit Pistons. From the Palace of Auburn Hills. (Live)			News	Sports TV Det.	Friends	Frasier		
CABLE STATIONS												
AMC	Movie: *** 1/2 "Wild River" (1960, Drama) Montgomery Clift.				Movie: *** 1/2 "Julia" (1977, Drama) Jane Fonda, Vanessa Redgrave.		Movie: *** "Daring Lily" (1970, Comedy) Julie Andrews.					
FAM	Saturday Night Live	Daily Show (R)	Stein's Money		Movie: "Protocol" (1984) A naive waitress saves a visiting diplomat's life.	Robin Williams: Off the Wall (R)	Daily Show	Stein's Money				
COM	New House	Fix-It-Line (R)	Wild Discovery "Tiger Next Door"	Spytek "Deadly Game" (R)	Science Mysteries: Area 51	Into the Unknown (R)	Spytek "Deadly Game" (R)					
ENC	(5:40) Movie: *** 1/2 "White Nights" (1985, Drama) Mikhail Baryshnikov.			Movie: *** 1/2 "Red Heat" (1988, Drama) Arnold Schwarzenegger.		Movie: *** 1/2 "Boyz n the Hood" (1991, Drama)	"Bram Stoker's"					
ESPN	Up Close	Sportscenter	College Basketball: Illinois at Michigan State. (Live)		College Basketball: Memphis at Alabama-Birmingham. (Live)		Sportscenter					
FAM	New Addams	Show-Funny	Here Comes the Bride		Movie: "Love-Struck" (1997, Comedy) Cynthia Gibb. (In Stereo)		700 Club					
HBO	(5:00) Movie: "Last of the Dogmen"	Movie: *** "The Saint" (1997, Adventure) Val Kilmer. PG-13		Movie: *** 1/2 "The Ex" (1996) Yancy Butler. R		Comedy Jam	Sex Bytes 2.1 (R) (In Stereo)					
HIST	As It Happened: RFK	20th Century "Riot" (R)	Civil War Draft Riots	Tales of the FBI (R)		Modern Marvels "Eiffel Tower" (R)	Black Cowboys					
MTV	Countdown	Cut (In Stereo)	Biorhythm (R)	Behind Fan.	Sift & Oily	Video Cliches	Snow Brawl	Celebrity Death	Boardblast	Blame Game	Loveline	
SC	Last Word	Sports News	Cavs	NBA Basketball: San Antonio Spurs at Cleveland Cavaliers. From Gund Arena. (Live)		Sports News	College Basketball: UCLA at Stanford. (Live)					
SCI FI	Quantum Leap (In Stereo)	Amazing Stories	Star Trek "The Changeling"		Highlander: The Series (In Stereo)	Friday the 13th: The Series	Twilight Zone	Star Trek				
TLC	Home Again (R)	Home Again (R)	48 Hours "In the Danger Zone" (R)	Medical Detect	Without Warn.	Climate Chaos (R)	Ultimate Mission: Mars (R)	Medical Detect	Without Warn.			
TNT	Due South "The Duel" (In Stereo)	ER "House of Cards" (In Stereo)		Movie: *** 1/2 "Back to the Future" (1985, Fantasy) Michael J. Fox, Christopher Lloyd.			Movie: *** 1/2 "Back to the Future" (1985, Fantasy)					
TOON	Batman: Series	Scooby Doo	Animanice	Dexter's Lab	Johnny Bravo	Cow & Chicken	Bugs & Daffy	Tom and Jerry	Flintstones	Scooby Doo	Johnny Bravo	Cow & Chicken
USA	Hercules: Legendary Jmys.	Xena: Warrior Princess (In Stereo)	Walker, Texas Ranger "Rampage"	Movie: *** 1/2 "Panther" (1995, Drama) Kadeem Hardison. (In Stereo)			New York Undercover "Catharsis"					
VH1	Pop-Up Video	Pop-Up Video	Video Timeline	Janet Jackson	House of Blues	Behind the Music "Rick James"	Behind the Music "David Cassidy"	Behind the Music (R) (In Stereo)		Pop-Up Video		

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SENATE

Senate deliberates on Clinton

WASHINGTON (AP) — With the television cameras turned off and the public galleries emptied of spectators and reporters, senators are rising to speak, one by one, in a what a participant describes as dignified debate over whether President Clinton should remain in office.

The leadoff speaker during Tuesday's closed impeachment deliberations — the first for a president in 131 years — immediately disclosed his intentions.

"The president should be removed from office for obstruction of justice," said Sen. Slade Gorton, R-Wash., who released his remarks following the four-hour session. On the other impeachment article, which charges Clinton committed perjury before a federal grand jury, Gorton said, "Although the president lied, this specific case of perjury does not rise to a level requiring removal."

Senators were resuming their closed deliberations today, and likely would continue Thursday, arguing the evidence as if the outcome was still in doubt in a trial now in its fifth week.

In fact, senators from both parties acknowledge Clinton is assured of acquittal because the two-thirds margin for conviction cannot be attained.

COMPUTERS

Advertisers add computer glitch to pitch

COLUMBUS (AP) — Doomsday, schmoomsday.

When a once-in-a-thousand-year opportunity comes along, you can bet one group of people will be quick to make a buck off even the worst of predictions — advertisers.

The Year 2000 computer glitch that pessimists warn will lead to the end of the world as we know it has begun showing up in sales pitches for companies ranging from Apple Computer to a small-town bank.

Take, for example, the ad Apple ran during this year's Super Bowl. It showed the talking computer Hal from "2001: A Space Odyssey" explaining that Macintosh was the only computer to operate perfectly as the year 2000 arrived and other computers malfunctioned.

The distiller of Absolut vodka also plans to incorporate the Year 2000 problem into one of its long-running series of ads featuring Absolut bottles in surprise settings.

The ad will debut in the April issue of Wired magazine and will show a partially formed bottle made up of 0s and 1s — shorthand for the digital language which computers use to store information.

"From time to time we sort of poke fun at that which is current," said Richard Lewis, who oversees the vodka account at the TBWA Chiat/Day advertising firm in New York.

JORDAN

Cracks emerge in royal family unity

AMMAN, Jordan (AP) — The man who spent his life preparing to sit on the Hashemite throne was absent when the new monarch began greeting his subjects.

The death of King Hussein did more than shake up his nation. It rattled the royal family to the core.

At the center of the storm is Hussein's brother, 51-year-old Prince Hassan, who had been groomed as the royal heir for more than three decades. Then a quarrel over succession left Hassan out in the cold last month when the ailing Hussein picked his son, Abdullah, to take the throne after his death.

After Hussein died Sunday and King Abdullah took power, the family publicly united for the funeral.

But Hassan's decision to stay away from the greeting ceremony Tuesday could show cracks emerging and has made some people nervous after 46 years of steadfast rule under Hussein.

"There is no room for any family rift because that will imperil national security and disturb the personal interests of the royal family," said former Cabinet minister Jamal Shaer.

There is little chance of serious challenges since the military is loyal to Abdullah, 37, a career officer. Yet Jordanians grow quickly uneasy over any royal discord in their tiny desert kingdom with an unmatched record of stability in the volatile Middle East.

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Rally held after brutal shooting

Diallo shot 19 times outside his home, officers responsible stand trial

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Her anguished cry filled the air at the spot in the Bronx where her son died in a barrage of 41 police bullets.

Kadiadou Diallo had just arrived Tuesday from her native Guinea when she went to the brick row house where her 22-year-old son, Amadou Diallo, was killed Feb. 4.

"My Amadou! My Amadou! My Amadou!" Mrs. Diallo cried. Later, she said, "Justice must be done."

At a separate rally attended by about 1,000 people, more than 20 speakers talked about mobilizing city residents to pressure local, state and federal officials to reform New York City's police department. The department itself announced one reform, saying officers would get another round of training.

"If the last hundred victims of police brutality in this city were blond-haired, blue-eyed, corn-fed, apple-cheeked white people, you would see some action," said attorney Ron Kuby.

Diallo, who was struck by 19 bullets, was black; the four officers who shot at him are white.

The U.S. attorney's office is monitoring the case. The officers, who did not return telephone

calls Tuesday, have not been questioned. One has apologized publicly.

The officers' attorney, Stephen Worth, has said his clients believed Diallo was reaching for a gun when they opened fire. Only a wallet and a beeper were found near Diallo after he was killed.

Mayor Rudolph Giuliani postponed a Thursday trip to Texas, during which he planned to spend the night at the home of potential presidential contender Gov. George W. Bush. The trip would have left Giuliani out of town Friday, when a prayer service is planned for Diallo.

Mrs. Diallo's husband, Saikou Diallo, was to arrive Thursday. The couple planned to take their son home for burial on Saturday.

Police Commissioner Howard Safir ordered all 400 officers in the elite street crime unit, where the four were assigned, to participate in a refresher training course on such topics as how to approach suspects. He also ordered a review of the unit's tactics.

Last month, members of the street crime unit opened fire on rapper ODB after mistakenly thinking he had a gun. The performer, whose real name is Russell Jones, was not injured.



Associated Press Photo

Signs protesting last week's shooting of Amadou Diallo are held during a peaceful rally which took place in the shadows of City Hall in NY, Tues. Feb. 9, 1999.

Cohen calls for tighter military ties to Africa

The Associated Press

CAPE TOWN, South Africa — The United States and South Africa laid a foundation today for closer military relations, and South Africa's defense chief welcomed a token U.S. contribution of airlift support for a multinational African peacekeeping exercise.

Defense Secretary William Cohen and his South African counterpart, Defense Minister Joe Modise, approved the content of draft diplomatic papers that are intended to set a legal framework for U.S. military activities in South Africa, starting with the peacekeeping exercise in April.

A formal exchange of the diplomatic notes later will enable two U.S. Air Force C-130 transport crews to fly troops from several sub-Saharan African countries to South Africa for the April exercise, dubbed Blue Crane, involving about 4,000 African troops. Besides the C-130 crews, the only other direct U.S. participation will be

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William Cohen
Defense Secretary

several officers acting as advisers, said Rear Adm. Koos Louw, director of foreign relations at the South African Defense Ministry.

The legal documents, once formally in place, will provide the basis for all future U.S. military activities in South Africa, Louw said. The Blue Crane exercise will mark the first time American troops have operated in South Africa, although it will be only a token presence.

Only one year ago the U.S. government ended its ban on arms trade with the South African government after the Justice Department settled legal claims for violations of U.S. export laws.

At a ceremony in the 17th century Castle of Good Hope that is headquarters of the Western Province Command of South Africa's Army, Cohen and Modise signed an agreement to exchange information on mili-

tary environmental issues such as cleaning up surplus military bases, disarming conventional munitions and environmental management of military live-fire ranges.

"It shows that the progress we are making in our relationship, indeed, is more than verbal, it is now committed to deeds as well," Cohen said. Later he added, "From my meetings here it is clear that our militaries will have many opportunities to advance our mutual goals to help make Africa a continent of peace and prosperity in the 21st century."

Modise thanked Cohen for U.S. willingness to share its expertise in peacekeeping. He said in response to a question, however, that the South African government is not yet ready to participate in a U.S. program of peacekeeper training that is being offered to many African nations.

"The new spirit of cooperation between our two countries, and in particular between our two departments of defense, manifests itself in your visit to South Africa," Modise said. Although Modise did not say so, Cohen is the first American secretary of defense ever to visit South Africa.

Cohen said that in their discussions today Modise raised the issue of civil war in Angola and Congo.

"He outlined the dimensions of the problem," Cohen said. "We both agree, I believe, that diplomacy is really the only solution, that there are no military solutions."

Cohen also was meeting today with members of Parliament and community leaders. He also was to call on Deputy President Thabo Mbeki, the heir apparent to President Nelson Mandela.

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Kosovo talks continue, dead are buried

The Associated Press

RAMBOUILLET, France—Ethnic Albanian rebels and rival Serbians demanded several important changes today to a U.S.-sponsored plan to bring peace to Kosovo, despite the American mediator's report of progress during talks.

The two delegations remained far from any agreement after three full days of talks at the 14th century French chateau where they are meeting.

Serb-led Yugoslavia was demanding a formal pledge to keep the country's borders intact, and Albanian negotiators were calling for a referendum on independence, an immediate cease-fire and NATO guarantees for the eventual interim settlement.

In a statement today, the Kosovo Liberation Army said it would not give up its battle for independence for the province, where more than 2,000 people have died and hundreds of thousands have been left homeless in a year of fighting.

In the statement, distributed to the ethnic Albanian media in Kosovo, the KLA also demanded a formal cease-fire be signed with the Serb side and guaran-

teed by a third party.

The Serbian government considers the KLA terrorists and has refused to sign a cease-fire because that would amount to a de facto recognition of the group.

Despite claims of progress Tuesday by chief U.S. mediator Christopher Hill, sources close to the delegations said the two sides had not agreed on a single word of the peace plan. Progress, in the view of the mediators, appears to mean the delegations are actively studying the text of the proposal.

"This is not easy, and frankly it's not a lot of fun ... but we are making progress," said Hill, who heads the team of three mediators shuttling between Serb and ethnic Albanian delegations. The two sides are staying on different floors and have not met face-to-face.

The KLA rebels, who have five officials on the 16-member ethnic Albanian delegation, also demanded the release of all political prisoners held in Kosovo or the free return to the province of those sentenced in absentia.

Another request was to allow an investigation of alleged war crimes in Kosovo by the U.N. tribunal in The Hague, Nether-

lands.

"Above all we demand our legitimate right to recognize the independence of Kosovo through a clear and indisputable formulation with fixed dates and with a distinct mechanism which will secure Kosovo to become independent," the KLA said.

The Serbian side has also filed a series of complaints about the peace plan, which was handed to them when negotiations began Sunday, sources close to the delegation said.

The Serbians said the plan virtually separates Kosovo, their medieval heartland, from Serbia. They want the ethnic Albanian delegation to publicly sign their pledge that Kosovo will not become independent.

Under the plan, Kosovo's ethnic Albanian majority would be given virtual autonomy during an interim period of at least three years. But the province would remain part of Yugoslavia's republic of Serbia.

NATO generals are working on plans to dispatch 25,000 to 30,000 troops to Kosovo, including up to 4,000 Americans, to enforce the agreement.

Russia strongly opposes the



Associated Press Photo

An ethnic Albanian elder embraces his granddaughter as the body of his son is brought back to the village of Racak, Kosovo, Yugoslavia Wed. Feb. 10, 1999.

NATO threat of force. A Western military source, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Tuesday that discussion of a NATO deployment is being put off until the end of the talks to avoid a diplomatic dispute with the Russians.

Yugoslav Foreign Minister Zivadin Jovanovic said that autonomy for Kosovo would be

no problem. But he said "under no condition" would foreign peacekeeping troops be allowed in Kosovo.

Also today, a spokesman for international monitors said Serb authorities have agreed to release the bodies of 40 ethnic Albanians slain in January in Racak. The killings brought new threats of NATO airstrikes and

intensified diplomacy, paving the way for the current peace talks.

The bodies have remained unburied because of a struggle between Serbs trying to avoid the spectacle of a mass funeral and ethnic Albanian politicians seeking to draw attention to what they say was a Serb atrocity.

Yeltsin at work in Kremlin, meets Primakov

The Associated Press

MOSCOW — A restless Boris Yeltsin went to the Kremlin today to meet with his prime minister in a flurry of activity apparently intended to show that Russia's president is still healthy and in control of the government.

Yeltsin and Prime Minister Yevgeny Primakov discussed the president's visit to Jordan for King Hussein's funeral on Monday, a trip he made against doc-

tors' advice.

"I summoned my doctors and asked who was right — and they bowed their heads," Yeltsin said at the start of the meeting, according to the ITAR-Tass news agency.

Officials had said that Primakov would go to Jordan to attend the funeral, but Yeltsin quickly decided to go. "A lot of people opposed my trip, but I decided to go myself," he told Primakov.

The trip was abruptly cut short, triggering a new wave of speculation about Yeltsin's health. Jordanian officials reported that the president had received medical aid before his sudden departure from Amman late Monday.

Both presidential spokesman Dmitry Yakushkin and chief Kremlin doctor Sergei Mironov denied the reports, and insisted the president's health was normal.

Yeltsin acknowledged today

that it was "physically difficult" for him to spend about nine hours on the plane, but said the trip was worth it, allowing him to meet global leaders.

"I met many of them, and we not only shook hands but tried to jointly resolve some acute issues," Yeltsin said.

He specifically thanked Jordan's new king, Abdullah, for meeting him even though no rendezvous had been planned.

Primakov praised Yeltsin's

trip as "extremely important," and said it was appreciated by other leaders.

"It has been very highly appraised in the Arab world and shows that the Russian president is active and strong," Primakov said, according to the Interfax news agency.

The Jordanian visit was Yeltsin's first trip abroad since he cut short a visit to Central Asia in October because he fell sick. He was hospitalized last month with an ulcer.

Russian media have said Yeltsin made the trip to show that he is in control despite months of inaction. Plagued by a steady string of illnesses, the president has turned over most day-to-day control of government affairs to Primakov.

But Yeltsin has a record of enviously guarding his power and quickly dismissing officials he perceives as being too ambitious.

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Students 'boogie' for Dance Marathon

By ALEXANDRIA DIETZ

The BG News

On Wed., Feb. 24, students will get a chance to boogie down for the Children's Miracle Network. Dance Marathon will be hosting a semi-formal dance in the Union Grand Ballroom from 8:30 p.m. - 11 p.m. to help raise money for the kids.

Christie Chipps, entertainment chairwoman for Dance Marathon, said she wanted an

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months ago, and Wicks was immediately interested.

"I thought it was a great idea," Wicks said. "Changes like this keep the store fresh and interesting."

The response to the new computer has been great, explained Wicks.

"It went up with no fanfare about three weeks ago, and so far, not a half hour has gone by when someone wasn't using it," he said.

Becky Midden, a freshman undecided major and employee of Grounds For Thought, agreed. "It gets a lot of usage. It's a

event that all students were able to attend.

"There's really nothing that the whole campus can come to," she said. "Dance Marathon is an awesome thing and I hope it will bring a lot of people together."

Melissa Haider, a freshman elementary education major, said she would be interested in attending.

"I hadn't heard about it," she said. "I would be interested in going though."

great addition to the information we already have," she said, noting that people from the community are using it as well as students.

"I think it's neat because when the University is closed for holidays, it's hard to get a computer," said Bowling Green resident and junior architecture major Brian Albers.

Senior art major Kris Szasz, a Grounds For Thought customer, said he would probably use the new computer.

"I'd rather sit down with a cup of coffee and do research here because the atmosphere is more relaxed than anywhere on campus," he said.

"There's really nothing that the whole campus can come to, yet Dance Marathon is an awesome thing and I hope it will bring a lot of people together."

Pat Meldon, freshman interpersonal communications major, will also be attending.

"Yeah, I heard about it," he said. "We have to go for our fraternity."

STONES

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people who are comforting and supportive that allows women to release their pains and anxieties, thus healing," she said.

She said they want to bridge the cultural gap among women of color and to help develop and mold leadership abilities. Additionally, she said Precious Stones seeks to develop and maintain spiritual growth.

Robinson said members exercise respect and are willing to help at all times.

She said the title of the organization has great significance because it reflects the characteristics of women of color.

"Stones are also strong and come in all shades and colors," Robinson said. "As women of color, we are as strong as diamonds, as beautiful and unique as marble, and as precious and colorful as rubies, emeralds, sapphires."

The Rites of Passage started last Spring as part of Penda Horton's masters project. Adomakoh said Horton's vision was to unite black and Latina women at the University and create a safe place for women to discuss issues that are of importance to them and to begin the healing process.

Originally, it started as a pilot program, then it became an organization known as Precious

Stones, Adomakoh said.

Individuals who have participated in the Rites before described the experience as worthwhile.

Nicole M. Moore, Anderson/Bromfield hall director, shared her experience of the Rites.

"I am very excited about participating in the Rites again this semester," she said. "I look forward to meeting and bonding with the lovely young sisters across campus."

Roshonda Benton, a senior IPC and marketing major, believes Precious Stones is something all women of color need. "Everywhere we turn we are

"It's a great way to make money," Chipps said.

Dance Marathon will be held on March 27-28 at the Student Recreation Center. It helps raise money for children with muscular dystrophy, birth defects, burns, abuse, cystic fibrosis, accidents, AIDS and cancer.

Tickets will be sold for \$5 before the semi-formal dance by calling the Dance Marathon Office at 372-0530 and at the door for \$7. The tickets are bursable.

being abused, exploited and discouraged," she said. "Not only by men but also by other women. It is important for us to learn how to encourage and nurture each other so we can be better nurturers to our brothers and children."

She said everyone needs to be healed in one way or another.

"I am just glad I have found it through vehicles like Precious Stones and the Rites of Passage, it is through these things I can develop my own spiritual connection and find divine healing and intervention," she said.

Sexual dysfunction plagues millions of Americans

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — For millions of Americans, sex ain't so hot.

A comprehensive survey found that sexual dysfunction afflicts 43 percent of women and 31 percent of men, with problems including a lack of interest in sex and the inability to have an orgasm.

"I think it gives us a base for explaining why we had this enormous response to Viagra," said Edward Laumann, a University of Chicago sociologist and lead author of the study published in today's Journal of the American Medical Association.

tion.

As grim as the survey's findings are, the results could offer hope to millions, many of whom think they're the only ones having trouble in bed, said Laumann, who has been a paid consultant to the company that makes Viagra.

"Often they don't even admit it to their partners. It's the old 'I've got a headache' instead of 'I don't feel like having sex,'" he said.

Laumann and his co-author, Raymond Rosen, had been paid by Pfizer Inc. to review clinical trial data on Viagra before the

impotency drug was submitted for U.S. Food and Drug Administration approval.

That association was not mentioned by the journal, but Dr. Phil Fontanarosa, a JAMA editor, said today the omission was an oversight and would be noted in a subsequent issue. Laumann said he had told JAMA editors about the relationship before the study was published.

The researchers said problems with sex are often coupled with everything from emotional and health problems to lack of time, job pressures and money trouble. But they said they aren't sure which comes first — stress or problems with sex.

The researchers based the findings on the 1992 National Health and Social Life Survey, a compilation of interviews with 1,749 women and 1,410 men.

The participants, ages 18 to 59,

were asked if they had experienced sexual dysfunction over several months in the previous year. Sexual dysfunction was defined as a regular lack of interest in or pain during sex, or persistent problems achieving lubrication, an erection or orgasm.

Lack of interest was the most common problem for women, with about a third saying they regularly didn't want sex. Twenty-six percent said they regularly didn't have orgasms and 23 percent said sex wasn't pleasurable.

About a third of men said they had persistent problems with climaxing too early, while 14 percent said they had no interest in sex and eight percent said they consistently derived no pleasure from sex.

Overall, 43 percent of women and 31 percent of men said they had one or more persistent problems with sex. Researchers had

expected the overall numbers to be closer to maybe 20 percent for each sex.

Researchers said those in the survey who experienced sexual dysfunction often were more likely to be unhappy and more likely to describe their satisfaction with the partnership as unsatisfactory, Laumann said.

Dr. Domeena Renshaw, a Chicago-area sex therapist, said the results are not surprising, considering the long list of couples waiting to get into the sexual dysfunction clinic she has run at the Loyola University Medical Center since 1972.

In that time, she has treated nearly 140 couples who had never consummated their marriages, including a couple who had been wed for 23 years.

Rosen, co-director of the Center for Sexual and Marital Health at the Robert Wood Johnson

Medical School in New Brunswick, N.J., said the survey provides much-needed information about women, who have often been excluded from studies about sexual performance.

He said the findings are the most comprehensive on sex since Dr. Alfred Kinsey did his landmark studies in 1948. Kinsey got similar results regarding impotence and failure to achieve orgasm but didn't ask about lack of sexual desire.

Too often, Rosen said, Americans have gotten their information about sex from magazines bought at the grocery-store checkout.

"As a scientist, it makes my hair stand on end," Rosen said. "It's terrible."



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Cutting up the Chipps

By PETE STELLA
The BG News

The Bowling Green men's basketball team entered the game knowing the end of the season was slowly creeping up and a home seed for the Mid-American Conference tournament was riding on the next few games.

To take away some worries, the Falcons defeated Central Michigan 84-73 Wednesday at Anderson Arena.

Because of the big MAC win, the Falcons moved to 14-8 overall and 9-5 in the MAC. Central fell to 9-13 overall and 6-8 in the MAC.

Despite the several lead changes during the game and a strong Central comeback in the second half, the Falcons still emerged victorious. Anthony Stacey again led the Falcon attack with 20 points, six rebounds, four assists and five steals. He received support from Keith McLeod with 19 points and seven assists and Trent Jackson (see related story), who hit for 11 points.

"These kids again showed toughness down the stretch," BG coach Dan Dakich said. "We got our lead in the first half mostly because of offense."

BG started off early with the lead from a 3-pointer by McLeod two minutes into the game. The game remained close through-

out most of the first half until 1:42 left in the half when DeMar Moore hit a 3-pointer that put the Falcons up 35-25.

"We were pretty confident during the game even when we were done," Stacey said. "But we took some punches and kept on rolling."

The Falcons continued their abuse on Central by increasing the lead to 50-33 with 15:13 into the second half. But Central remained tough by cutting the strong lead to 68-66 with less than three minutes remaining. However, BG stuck it to them with Jackson, Graham Bunn, Dave Esterkamp and Stacey all hitting two free throws in the last minute of the game.

"Our team is pretty experienced in games that are close," Dakich said. "I thought that we handled ourselves pretty well and we didn't turn the ball over much."

Stacey's free throws with eight seconds left sealed the victory for the Falcons. Stacey's crucial turnaround jumper with 2:25 left and one second on the shot clock gave the BG a four-point lead and they never lost it.

"Stacey is a pretty good player," Dakich said. "He took a shot that he is comfortable with and that has been his trademark since he got here."



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Kirk Cowan slams one home in BG's victory over Central Michigan Wednesday. The Falcons won 84-73 to extend their winning streak to three games.

Jackson, Bunn come up big in win

Two BG players come off the bench to contribute to victory

By DAN NIED
The BG News

Once again the bench bailed the Bowling Green Men's basketball team out of a close game. Graham Bunn and Trent Jackson unexpectedly sparked the Falcons in their win over Central Michigan, Wednesday.

Jackson, a transfer from Ohio State dazzled the crowd in the first half tallying nine points on

4-for-5 shooting including an ally-oop dunk.

Although Jackson sat out most of the second half, BG Coach Dan Dakich put him in when the game mattered. Jackson hit two clutch free throws with 1:05 left in the game to put the Falcons up 74-68 and give them the lead for good.

"I think Trent Jackson gave us a huge lift tonight," Dakich said. "I did not play him much in the second half and that was a mistake. He was a big part of the



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Dan Dakich
Men's Head Basketball coach

game."

The 6-foot-4, 205 pound sophomore guard played what may have been his best game of the season. Entering the game, he averaged 2.2 points per game and 1.3 rebounds per game. In addition to his 11 points, Jackson

pulled down three rebounds and had a steal and a block in only 15 minutes of action.

Bunn was just as impressive down the stretch.

Bunn followed Jackson's lead and buried four crunch-time free throws with less than a minute left that put the game safely in

Bowling Green's hands.

The freshman guard from Raleigh, N.C. made all six of his free throws in the game. Dakich used Bunn in an interesting situation late in the game with BG clinging to a slim lead over the Chippewas.

Because of his stellar free-

throw shooting — he has made 81 percent of his free throws this year — Dakich put Bunn in when the Falcons were on offense. After Bunn made his free throws, Dakich would take him out and put in senior forward Kirk Cowan in favor of his defensive skills. As soon as the ball changed hands, Bunn would go back in the game.

"Graham did a good job tonight in late game situations," Dakich said. "When it was close, He made his free throws and helped us win."

The 6-1 Bunn averages 5.1 points a game. He finished with eight against Central Michigan.

Tennis teams look to continue climb up

By G. MICHAEL GRAHAM
The BG News

Before the conference season, coaches like their teams to build momentum.

Both the Bowling Green men's and women's tennis teams are trying to build that momentum before beginning Mid-American Conference play.

Women host Cincinnati

The women's team will attempt to continue down that path Friday when it hosts Cincinnati. The Falcons have defeated the Bearcats the past two seasons, including a 6-3 verdict in the Queen City last year.

The Falcons are 0-1 entering the match. Heading into the match, BG is 77-56 in singles play, led by sophomore Abby Bratton with a record of 15-2. The Falcons are also 35-27 in doubles, play led by the duo of Devon Bissinger and Tracy Howitt at 13-2.

"We're very evenly matched up," said coach Penny Dean. "They're very strong at the top."

At the top singles, Cincinnati has Kara Maloney. She will most likely face Meghan Rhodes. At the second singles is Marjie Spray, who will probably go against Erika Wasilewski.

Dean listed the momentum switch as one of two reasons why the match is important in terms of a win.

"Cincinnati is so similar to the MAC teams we'll face,"

Dean said. "We need to win this match to keep gaining confidence."

The match is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. at Laurel Hill in Toledo.

Men head to Hoosier State

The men head to the state of Indiana to battle Indiana State, who is ranked among the top 60 in the nation, and Butler, whom freshman Mike Kossoff said matches up well against the Falcons.

"I'm pretty positive we're going to win one this weekend," Kossoff said. "After practice today (Wednesday), everyone was intense and we're ready to win."

BG is 1-2 entering the match. The Falcons are 18-5 overall in singles, led by freshman Vitek Wild at 18-5, and 26-24 in doubles, led by Radu Bartan and Matt Wiles at 8-6.

After the Kentucky loss, coach Jay Harris said there might be some changes at the

doubles play even though the team won the doubles point at Kentucky. But that does not seem to bother the players.

"He's a top-notch coach," Kossoff said of Harris. "He has more knowledge about the game than anyone I've been around. The team has the full confidence in putting the best lineup on the court. After every match, we continue to go up the mountain. The future looks bright under Coach Harris for BG tennis."

Track teams prepared for All-Ohio meet

By MATT STEINER

The BG News

Athletes from all over Ohio will converge at the Perry Fieldhouse this weekend. BG hosts the All-Ohio Indoor Track and Field Championships Saturday.

Competition begins with men's field events at 11 a.m. The women start their competition at noon.

Men's competition

With four meets under their belts this season, the Falcons see this as a big chance to prove themselves during this transition year. In 1998, the BG men took second at the All-Ohio, hosted by Kent. Cincinnati, who no longer has a track program, won the meet.

"This is probably our second biggest meet of the indoor season," first year coach Sterling Martin said. "It's one that we compete in every year. It's not

just important for the team but for the University. The guys realize that and I am expecting some guys to really step it up and begin to show what they can do as individuals and what we can do as a team."

The field will consist of eight schools. Akron, Ashland, Findlay, Kent, Ohio, Toledo and Malone College provide the competition.

Kent should be the toughest of the group. They feature the conference leader in the 60-meter sprint, the 200-meter run and the shot-put. In six other events the Flashes have athletes ranked among the top three in the MAC.

BG is coming off a less-than-stellar performance at the Indiana Invitational due to illness. Four athletes sat out the event. The flu ridden Falcons have returned to full workouts and will compete this weekend.

Pat Miller is currently second in the Mid-American Conference in the 800-meter run. Miller should help bolster the BG point

total. In Indiana the Falcons could only muster 33 points.

"We're going to run him (Miller) in the distance medley early in the day," Martin said. "Then we will bring him back in the 800. He's got a chance at walking away with a double, if not a triple winner. We're also going to run him in the mile relay. I hope he's ready because if he's not then we're going to run him into the ground."

Also returning will be sprinter Eric Browning and long distance runners Aaron Usher and Dave Anderson. Martin expects the full strength squad to fare well.

"If we don't make the top three, I will be somewhat disappointed," Martin said. "I think we're ready to compete at that level."

Falcon thrower Alex Moser is coming off two strong meets. Following a win in the 35-pound weight throw in Indiana and a second in that event combined with a third in the shot-put the previous week, Moser should

lead the field athletes Saturday.

Co-captain Alex Sprague, who leads the MAC in the Pentathlon, will compete in four events in the meet which does not feature any multi-event competitions. The high jump, hurdles, shot-put and mile relay will keep Sprague busy.

The Women

The field this year is substantially larger than that of the men. Most Ohio Division I and II schools will take part. Ohio State and Miami are schools who will not compete. BG won the meet in 1998.

Kent should provide BG with its toughest competition. The Golden Flashes do not feature a lot of individual stars, but the team is strong from top to bottom.

"They (Kent) are very deep," said coach Steve Price. "In a meet like this it will be important. With a lot of the MAC schools not competing, a lot of points can be had pretty easily."

One area where the Flashes are strong individually are the throwing events. Roberta Collins holds the best MAC throw in the 20-pound hammer. She is also second in the shotput in the conference. The MAC shotput leader is teammate Leslie Vidmar.

BG features a strong thrower of its own. Lisa Keegan, who is third in the conference in the hammer, set the school record two weeks ago and broke her own mark last week. Keegan is third in the conference in that event and currently ranks fourth in the shotput.

The entire team is riding on a high after four records fell last weekend.

"It was one of the best weekends in Bowling Green history," Price said. "We broke four records. That usually doesn't happen mid-season. It's something that might happen near the end of the year. We're pretty excited about it, especially since we fared quite well against the national competition at the Can-

non meet."

Price expects Keegan to take a shot at a the record again. I also expects Hanane Sabri to vie for a school mark in the 800 and possibly an NCAA qualifier.

Two of BG's top performers will return from injuries. All-American long and triple jumper Huina Han competes after missing three meets with a knee injury. Runner Kelly Mansell has been out due to calf soreness.

The pole vault should provide entertaining competition. Falcon, Andrea Cook, is coming off a record setting weekend and is ranked fifth in the conference. Akron features three vaulters ranked better than Cook. Jeanine Thomas leads the MAC while Keelie Harvey and Karen Beasley are third and fourth respectively.

Price will continue to look forward to the MAC championship. He said the meet this week is one of many stepping stones to their ultimate goal.

Bruener signs with Steelers, avoids free agent market

The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — The Pittsburgh Steelers signed Mark Bruener to a four-year contract before the tight end became an unrestricted free agent on Friday.

The contract Bruener signed Tuesday will keep the four-year starter a Steeler through the 2002 season for more than \$10 million.

Bruener is likely to be the only unrestricted free agent Pittsburgh signs before Friday. Among the others are defensive

backs Carnell Lake, Lee Flowers and Darren Perry, receiver Charles Johnson, kicker Norm Johnson, fullback Tim Lester, defensive lineman Oliver Gibson and linebacker Donta Jones.

Coach Bill Cowher and new offensive coordinator Kevin Gilbride consider Bruener a key blocker in the Steelers' running game. Gilbride also plans to work Bruener into more passing situations this season.

"You'd be hard-pressed to find a tight end who blocks the way Mark blocks. It probably

doesn't show in his catching, but his production in the running game is as good as any in the league," Cowher said.

The 6-foot-4, 261-pound Bruener has started since he was a first round draft choice in 1995 from the University of Washington, missing only four games in four seasons. He caught 19 passes last season for 157 yards and two touchdowns. Over his career, he's caught 75 passes for 653 yards and 11 touchdowns.

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Minnesota coach Clem Haskins, center, is restrained by assistants Bill Brown, left, and Bobby Jones in the last half against Iowa in Iowa City, Wednesday.

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FOOTBALL

Football team announces hiring

Tim Banks, 27 has been named an assistant football coach at the University, head coach Gary Blackney announced yesterday. Banks will coach the running backs. He has been the secondary coach at Ferris State during the last two seasons. Banks played collegiate football at Central Michigan where he earned four letters (1991-1994) and was a second-team All-American Conference selection his last two seasons at defensive back. For his career, Banks was credited with 205 tackles and a pair of interceptions.

GOLF

Women's golf inks 2 for fall

The University's head women's golf coach Jurt Thomas announced today the signing of two student athletes to national letters of intent in the early signing period. Shelley Binzel, from Dublin, Ohio and Stephanie Elsea from Worthington, Ohio have each decided to attend BG beginning in the fall of 1999. Binzel was a four-year letter winner in golf. She was named to the all-league first team and was runner-up for player of the year in the conference. Elsea earned two varsity letters on the girls golf team. She served as team captain both years on the girls golf team as well as being selected team MVP.

OVER THE WIRE

Olympics to dismiss members

The Associated Press
LONDON — With one-fifth of its ranks now implicated in the Salt Lake City bribery scandal, the International Olympic Committee said Wednesday it may expel more members to try to restore its credibility and reassure big-money sponsors. "We will act decisively," said Anita DeFrantz, an IOC vice president from the United States. A 300-page report issued Tuesday by a Salt Lake Olympic ethics panel detailed more than \$1 million in cash payments and other favors lavished on IOC members during the city's successful campaign to land the 2002 Winter Games.

The report linked an additional 10 IOC members to the scandal, bringing to 24 the number accused of accepting improper benefits. The IOC had 115 members before the scandal. "The IOC remains fully committed to investigating and taking action based on all available evidence," the IOC said in a statement from Lausanne, Switzerland. Last month, the IOC panel identified 14 members involved in alleged excesses stemming from Salt Lake's bid. Nine of those members have either resigned or been expelled by the IOC executive board. Three others — including powerful executive board member Kim Un-yong of South Korea — remain under investigation, one received a warning and one has died. Further expulsions now appear likely before a special IOC assembly in Lausanne, March 17-18. "If you find something that's a real breach, we basically have only one sanction, and that's expulsion," said IOC vice president Dick Pound, head of the internal inquiry.

IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch has also written to all cities that bid for the Olympics of 1996 through 2004, asking for any documented evidence of misconduct. The deadline for responses is Feb. 15, meaning even more members could be implicated before the March meeting. IOC marketing director Michael Payne, on a trip to the United States to meet with Olympic sponsors, said the IOC is doing everything in its power to stamp out corruption and institute reform. "Has the IOC been damaged?" Payne said. "Yes, clearly it has. On the other hand, it's the opportunity to clean house and to reform. You have to take two or three steps backwards to move one step forward." The John Hancock insurance company, one of the IOC's corporate sponsors, canceled negotiations with NBC for \$20 million in ads. Despite that, Payne said there is no crack in support from the Olympic sponsors who pay tens of millions of dollars to help finance the games. "The sponsors are standing, first of all, behind the games, and, second, behind the steps and action the IOC, Samaranch and the executive board are taking," Payne said. Payne will meet this week with Olympic sponsors in New York. He will also travel to Australia later this month to meet with sponsors of the 2000 Sydney Games. A key test for IOC leaders is how they handle the case of Kim, the South Korean executive board member and highest-ranking official implicated in the Salt Lake scandal. Kim, 67, has been considered a leading contender to succeed Samaranch, whose term expires in 2001.

STANDINGS

National Hockey League EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division				
	W	L	T	Pts
Philadelphia	28	10	12	68
New Jersey	29	17	6	64
Pittsburgh	27	15	7	61
N.Y. Rangers	20	24	7	47
N.Y. Islanders	16	32	5	37

Northeast Division				
	W	L	T	Pts
Ottawa	28	15	8	64
Toronto	30	18	3	63
Buffalo	24	18	9	57
Boston	22	21	9	53
Montreal	20	26	8	48

Southeast Division				
	W	L	T	Pts
Carolina	23	20	9	55
Florida	19	19	13	51
Washington	21	26	4	46
Tampa Bay	11	36	4	26

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division				
	W	L	T	Pts
Detroit	26	23	4	56
St. Louis	20	20	9	49
Nashville	18	29	5	41
Chicago	14	30	8	36

Northwest Division				
	W	L	T	Pts
Colorado	29	20	4	62
Edmonton	20	23	8	48
Calgary	18	28	8	44
Vancouver	17	28	7	41

Pacific Division				
	W	L	T	Pts
Dallas	30	10	8	68
Phoenix	27	13	10	64
Anaheim	20	22	9	49
San Jose	17	22	12	46
Los Angeles	19	28	4	42

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San Jose at Chicago, Inc.
Los Angeles at Phoenix, Inc.

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Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	3	0	1.000	—
Orlando	2	1	.667	1
Boston	2	2	.500	1 1/2
New Jersey	1	1	.500	1 1/2
Washington	1	2	.333	2
Miami	1	3	.250	2 1/2
New York	0	2	.000	2 1/2

Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	2	0	1.000	—
Atlanta	3	1	.750	—
Detroit	3	1	.750	—
Indiana	2	1	.667	1/2
Charlotte	1	2	.333	1 1/2
Chicago	1	2	.333	1 1/2
Toronto	1	2	.333	1 1/2
Cleveland	0	3	.000	2 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	3	0	1.000	—
Houston	2	1	.667	1
Minnesota	2	1	.667	1
San Antonio	2	2	.500	1 1/2
Dallas	1	2	.333	2
Vancouver	0	2	.000	2 1/2
Denver	0	3	.000	3

Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	3	0	1.000	—
L.A. Lakers	2	1	.667	1
Phoenix	2	1	.667	1
Sacramento	2	1	.667	1
Portland	1	1	.500	1 1/2
L.A. Clippers	0	2	.000	2 1/2
Golden State	0	3	.000	3

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New independent film series to launch next Tuesday

The Independent Film Series begins next Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. with a showing of *Chicago Cab*, starring John Cusack and Gillian Anderson. The film, which follows a cab driver around Chicago, will be shown at The Gish Film Theatre and will be free to students.



The series, sponsored by WBGU-FM and WFAL will feature one independent film per month. *Modulations*, a documentary history of electronic music, will be showing in March.

Planetarium holds asteroid program

Is the world going to end? Check out the BGSU Planetarium's program "Is this the End of the World?" for a look at the real threats of comets and asteroids. The program runs now until Feb. 23.



Cajun festival to bring Mardi Gras to Toledo Area

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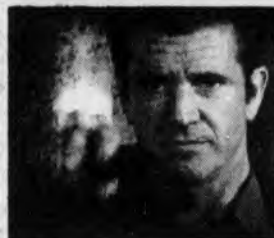
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The modest mice of Durian

By JOHN WENZEL
The BG News

Durian is a young band, and thankfully, they know it.



Despite the fact that they've toured nationally, released a CD and 7" single and recorded with some of the biggest names in the Washington, D.C. scene from which they sprang, they manage to keep a perspective on their position.

"Nobody knows who we are at this point, so anything to help turn people onto Durian is a good thing," said guitarist Frank Stewart.

And at this point, Durian has a lot of help.

Their debut CD, *Tomorrow* 6:30, was recorded and produced at Inner Ear studios in Washington, D.C. by Don Zientara. No small feat, considering Zientara has worked with established bands like Bikini Kill, Fugazi, Half Japanese and Slant 6. Durian's recent 7" *Goodwill b/w Dogtrack* was engineered by musician/producer J. Robbins (formerly of D.C. mainstays Jawbox).

"We just have to hope that



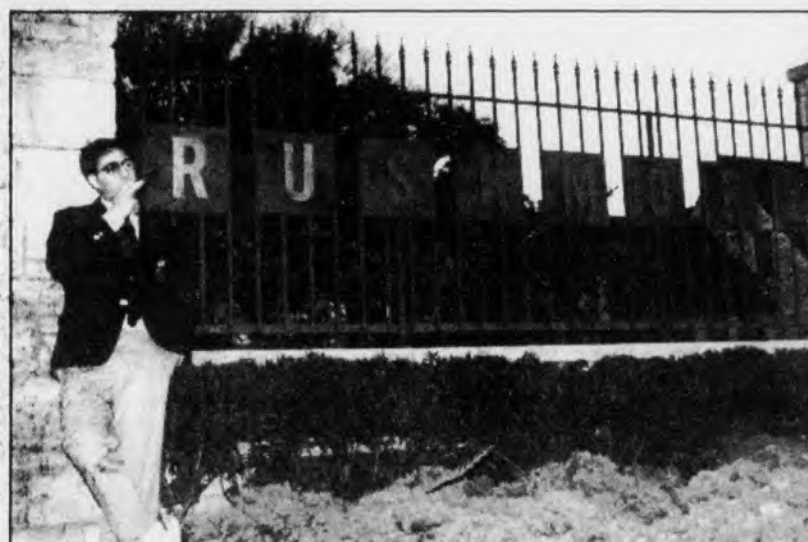
once somebody gets reeled in because of the fact that J. or Don produced us, they'll be even more excited after hearing us play live," Stewart says.

And Bowling Green got a chance to do just that. Durian traveled through town a few weeks ago, playing a set with Savant Garde at The Death Trap on S. Main St.

As part of their month-long Midwest tour, the performance gave them a chance to show off their new sound, their new single and over a set's worth of new tunes. After going through two lineup changes last year, the band started taking a different approach to songwriting.

"We only play maybe two songs that we did on the CD," says lead singer and Virginia native Matt Hermann. "That's

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Rushmore

Starring:
Jason Schwartzman,
Bill Murray
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Even though it isn't up for the Oscars, it's still one of the 1998's most unique movies, and shouldn't be missed.

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'Rushmore' to theaters

By TONY RECZNIK
The BG News

It seems that every high school in America has at least one overzealous outgoing, overachieving busybody who seems to be involved in every extra-curricular activity imaginable.

Whether it's from planning pep-rallies to being a charter member of the chess club, these people will never come close to Max Fischer of Rushmore Academy. Fischer, played by first time actor Jason Schwartzman, is an eccentric 15-year-old genius who is the editor of his school paper and yearbook, the president of the beekeepers, French and fencing clubs and not to mention the founder of the Flying, Gun and Dodgeball societies.

He also directs and writes unique theater productions dealing mostly with inner city gangs, police corruption and war. You might have seen the trailer, which compares him to Tolstoy, Emerson, Socrates, Galileo and Newton; the thinkers, the great artists, the groundbreak-

ers and the rebels who challenged world views and "shaped our minds."

He has great aspirations, planning to apply to Oxford early admission, leaving Harvard as a safety, however he is on sudden death academic probation.

Fischer befriends the emotionally depressed steel industry tycoon and Rushmore biggest supporter, Mr. Blume, played by Bill Murray, and bestows the prophetic secret to his happiness "... find something you love to do and then do it for the rest of your life." Which in Fischer's case is attending Rushmore Academy.

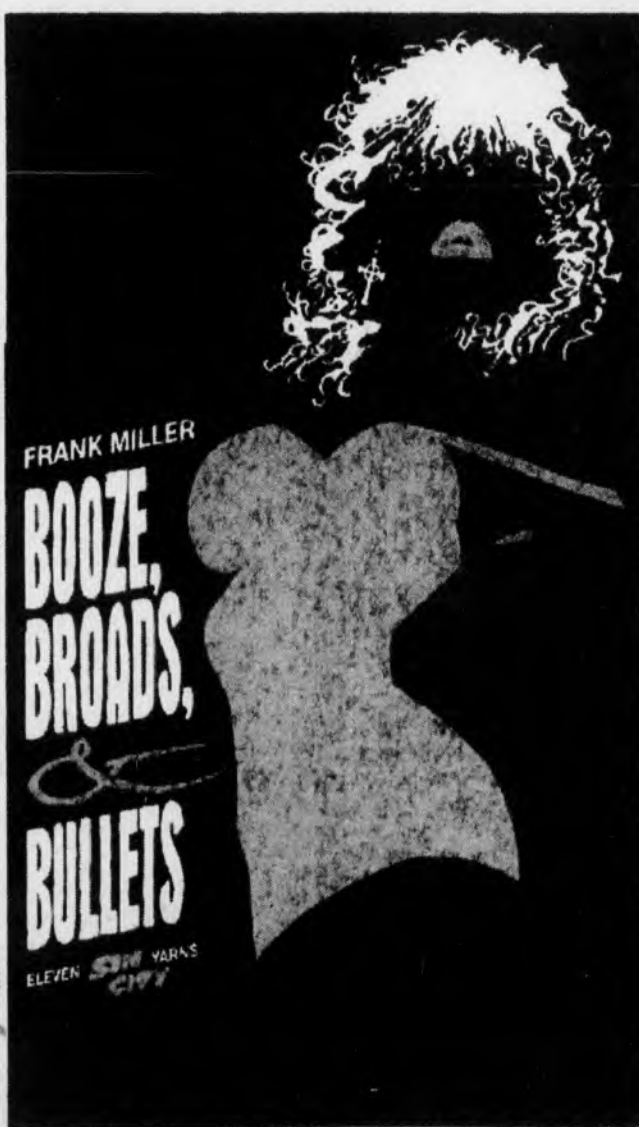
That is until he becomes infatuated with a first grade teacher at the Academy named Miss Cross, played by Olivia Williams.

Fischer will stop at nothing to gain her affections and with Blume's help concocts a plan to build an aquarium in her honor.

His plan becomes a disaster however, and Fischer is expelled for attempting to build the aquarium on the

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Comic books not just for kids



"Booze, Broads, & Bullets" is one mini-series from Sin City.

The Dusty Shelf

By JAMES ELDRED
The BG News

Comics have a very bad reputation. People seem to think that all comics books are the same, with giant monster, super-powered mutants and women with big chests. For a long time, this was true, but in the past few years, this has changed.

First, it began with the smaller publishers, like Dark Horse, then DC released its adult label called Vertigo, now Marvel is even trying to get a larger, more adult audience than ever before. Most of the companies are doing this for one simple reason, sales. Comics are in their largest slump ever (Marvel just filed for bankruptcy last year) and if things don't change, they all might go under.

To do this they are trying to focus less on the superheros and more on fantasy, sci-fi or drama stories, and DC's Vertigo label is leading this current trend. They have adult horror books like *Preacher* and *Hellblazer*.

Their newest book, *Transmetropolitan* by the outrageous comic book writer Garth Ennis. It's set sometime in the far future and follows the daily adventures of a sadistic opinion columnist Spider Jerusalem. He hates society and will do anything to undermine it in his weekly column called *I Hate This Place*. And the things he does for

this comic is not for the weak of heart.

Each month's issue seems to outdo and out-gross the one before it. One issue has him in a neighborhood populated by half-human/half-alien freaks. The issue following that one had him psychically assault the president while he's in the bathroom, sick stuff.

Another comic that can be slightly on the disgusting side is *Sin City* from Dark Horse. It's well-known for its fast pace stories, bullet ridden pages and blood everywhere. It does not consist of one series, but rather many different mini-series that each have different sub-titles.

You can tell these stories are for adults only just by looking at the titles, here are some examples: *The Dame Wore Blue*, *Booze Blood and Bullets*, and my favorite, *That Yellow Bastard*. It successfully captures the feeling of the film-noir films, it's even in black and white, with the occasionally color shot. For example, in *That Yellow Bastard*, the main character was yellow, but everything else was in black and white.

Something very different than most comics out there is the independently run *Oni Double Feature*. This is an anthology comic book consisting mainly of two-part stories that change every few months. One month could feature a story about a werewolf trying to stop the end of the world, and the next could deal with a couple coming to term with witnessing a drive-by, it's different every month. There's also plenty of humor, Jay and Silent Bob from the movie *Clerks* had a story.

Also, the writer of *Clerks* (Kevin Smith) is writing *Daredevil*, a Marvel comic that features a blind super-

hero that has superhealing skills and sonar-like powers. While this may sound just like another superhero book, it's completely different. Each month deals with real-life issues like AIDS and religion, but it still manages to keep the good superhero elements. It's the best written of the superhero books today.

Another superhero book that manages to stick out from the rest is *Savage Dragon*, mainly because it's so incredibly bizarre. The title character is a huge superpowered green government agent with a fin on his head. He regularly gets himself into very odd situations that continue to top themselves. For example, in one issue he died and witnessed God and Satan fight over his soul, literally, it was a fist fight (Satan fights really dirty).

There's also several older books that are very good. The *Sandman* is a classic DC fantasy/horror book from the late 80s that ended a few years ago. It's very hard to explain, but it deals with the psychical incarnations of spiritual forces such as Death, Despair and the books main character Dream.

Marvel Comics, on the other hand, published the best looking comic to be released this decade, it's called *Marvels*. It chronicles the first 40 years of the Marvel universe, and it is told from the perspective of an ordinary photojournalist, not from the superhero's. The writing is superb and the art is even better. Each page is painted with extreme attention to detail.

Like movies or any other form of entertainment, in comics there's always something for everyone.

now sounds



Elvis Costello and Burt Bacharach: Painted From Memory

1998 - Mercury

Released at a time when contemporary pop music is virtually defined by the histrionics and studio-generated emotion of folks like Celine Dion, the fine Elvis Costello and Burt Bacharach collaboration, *Painted From Memory*, was unfortunately lost in the Top 40 shuffle.

Receiving boatloads of media attention entirely based on the seemingly unlikely coupling of Costello and Bacharach, *Painted From Memory* hearkens to a time when popular music featured lush arrangements, soaring

orchestras and powerful lyrics.

From the opening strains of the CD's opening track, "In the Darkest Place," it is clear that Costello and Bacharach are after something more than the easy-to-swallow, french silk grooves of classic Bacharach. The tranquil, rolling river melody belies the dark subject matter — a dismissed lover stands outside the door of his paramour as she makes love to another man.

But "In the Darkest Place" is a mere teaser to the multitude of pleasures that follow. The songs span from the insanely catchy "Toledo" to the heartbreaking gentle delicacy of the title track to the soaring epic "God Give Me Strength."

This isn't to imply that *Painted From Memory* is a perfect album. There are a few missteps like the ready for muzak "The Long Division," which lyrically and musically stumbles over its math as metaphor for broken love, and a cheesy guitar solo in the otherwise lovely lament "This House is Empty Now."

Painted From Memory occupies a significant niche in the realm of contemporary pop music. It is a recording that, hopefully, marks a return to music for only the lonely-smart, touching songs about love, loss and the

omnipresent spectre of regret.

-Erik Pepple



Cash Money: Halos of Smoke & Fire

1998 - Touch & Go Records

Despite their bluesy, mad-as-hell approach, the Chicago-based duo Cash Money make incredibly concise music.

Comparing them to Jon Spencer Blues Explosion or Reverend Horton Heat would surely piss these boys off, but they're apt ones (although, they have more in common stylistically with the former).

They fit into that loose category of "contemporary blues-rock," but even that doesn't quite get at their sound. They've got a backwoods sense of humor, a whiskey-tinged vocal swagger and fuzzy guitar hiss informed

as much by ZZ Top as it is by Elvis Presley (two of their admitted influences).

Their second full-length release on Touch & Go, *Halos of Smoke and Fire*, is a blistering barbecue of conventional instrumentation. Hell, it's almost *unnatural* that two people can make this much noise. One imagines exploding cows, sizzling bacon, cowboy hats and big gold belt buckles when hearing songs such as "El Toro" and "Run Like Hell."

However, guitarist/vocalist John Humphrey (formerly of God and Texas) affects his Southern menace so palatably that you almost wish you'd get kidnapped by some deranged truckers just to hear them talk the way he sings.

Drummer Scott Giampino patiently and dutifully drums his way through a song or two, for example, only to explode into a furious and exhilarating tirade of percussive rage in the next.

One also must give credit to these guys for their self-conscious Neo-Luddite tendencies. As they declare in the liner notes, "We track everything to 2-inch analog tape live with almost no overdubs. Unlike 90 percent of today's music, we do not use any computers."

Self-important posturing or musical integrity? That's for you to decide.

-John Wenzel

Check out Cash Money at Frankie's in Toledo Saturday, Feb. 20.

Internet is a battleground of information

By TONY CAVALLARIO

The BG News

From my own experiences rummaging through the web, clicking for hours and finding nothing of any particular interest, it seems that the internet has a quality problem. With so much to choose from, good information and entertainment is elusive.

How do you find the web pages that change your life? Or sites that make up for the hours of you have lost on keyword searches and frozen screens?

The human can not thrive on internet alone. Though I will always prefer the romance of reading a political magazine in a bathroom, or the way a radio news update can make you drop everything and listen, I admit

that there is great stuff out there in netland.

The places you go are important, especially if you are trying to reduce the level of confusion you feel as a person in 1999, bombarded with media as we are. Some cherished principles:

1. **Go to places you trust.** Any magazine you trust for good articles, reviews, and things has an on-line partner that you can get all, some or a free trial of their latest magazine. If you like the magazine, you will most likely like their links page. (www.XLR8R.com, www.cmj.com)

2. **Go to places that don't want your money.** Self-published 'zines, public radio, and political magazines are examples of folks who never wanted money in the first place. You never have to worry that their

pages holding back on you, it's all there for your reading pleasure. A minimum of banners to download, too.

3. **Snæk-peeks.** A lot of people who want to sell you something will give you a peak at what they have to offer, especially music. You don't even need to mess with all that MP3 stuff if you just want a little something to see what a band sounds like.

(www.88hiphop.com, www.x-radio.org)

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Seeking vengeance, Porter (Mel Gibson) goes out for 'Payback.'

'Payback' rises above blood and guts genre

By LIZ PECEK
The BG News

Porter (Mel Gibson) is the guy you fear running into in a dark alley.

He's definitely someone whose bad side you don't want to be on, otherwise you won't be around for too much longer ... he'll see to that.

'Payback' is an action-packed, blood/guts/killing you-name-it kind of movie. Those with queasy stomachs would probably rather stay home than have to watch the various methods of torture, which ranges from whippings to toe-hammerings.

After being left for dead by his wife and ex-partner in crime, Porter is out to seek revenge. Not only did they leave him, but they took off with his share of the stolen money — \$70,000.

Payback

Woodland Mall Cinemas
Starring: Mel Gibson, Gregg Henry, James Coburn
NOW says: Payback is brutal, entertaining.

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1 star: just go to the bar
2 stars: go to the bar first
3 stars: play, then bar
4 stars: play, then play again

First, he pays a visit to Lynn (Deborah Kara Unger), his wife. He finds Lynn both drunk and high, but finds his connection to Val (Gregg Henry) through her drug dealers.

Val isn't so easy to find ... although Porter succeeds. He gets caught up in a bunch of ugly killings along the way, including blackmailing a couple of cops who wanted in on his money. Amazingly and also unrealistically, Porter doesn't get caught up in any legal troubles

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By ERIK PEPPE
The BG News

Rounders

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Those wacky Russian gangsters are at it again!

Hollywood's new all-purpose villains since the fall of the Communist Bloc, the Russian mob, are after Matt Damon and Edward Norton for gambling debts. Damon and Oscar nominee Norton are expert poker players/con-men caught up in the proverbial web of deceit and violence.

Thankfully John Dahl's expert neo-noir direction gives the film an interesting look-ranging from shadowy, cold city streets to sumptuously decorated Upper-West side apartments to seedy, dingy hovels where two bit cons and grifters play cards, drink and count a lot of money. In addition to the film's look, Damon takes a role that could easily be seen as Will Hunting plays poker and gives the character depth and shades of nastiness (he loves his girlfriend but will drop her in a heartbeat if there's the promise of a big score) that otherwise probably would not have made it onscreen.

The always fine Edward Norton has a great time as the wiry, brilliant and aptly named Worm. Norton generates a pathos for a seemingly unredeemable character. Rounding out the ace cast is the scenery chewing John Malkovich as a sleazy Russian gangster, Famke Jansenn as a seductive femme fatale, and Martin Landau as a sagacious law professor.

'Rounders' doesn't really offer anything new in the crime genre, but it does boast some fine acting, a smart script and enough card shark jargon to last a lifetime.



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Antz

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Who would have thought Woody Allen's best work in ages would be in an animated comedy?

The once frequently brilliant Allen has become ragingly inconsistent of late. His last few pictures have ranged from the brilliantly conceived, but violently and uncomfortably acidic 'Deconstructing Harry' to the massively entertaining 'Everyone Says I Love You' to the interesting misfire of 'Celebrity.' After those films, 'Antz' is a welcome return to classic Woody Allen.

Allen voices Z a (what else?) nebbishy, insecure ant who spends his days amidst the roar and cacophony of an ant colony where work

equals pleasure. Life is a rigid and structured routine in the colony, and Z feels insignificant. It also doesn't help that Z has fallen in love with the colony's princess (Sharon Stone). To win her affections Z impersonates a soldier and goes off to war which leads to a spectacular battle sequence. Returning a hero, Z accidentally kidnaps the princess and goes forth on a journey with his insect innamorata.

'Antz' works on a variety of strata. Allen is superb as Z, riffing with a renewed vitality that he hasn't shown in years. Sharon Stone, Gene Hackman (as the Patton-like ant general), Jennifer Lopez, Danny Glover, Dan Aykroyd, Anne Bancroft and most surprisingly Sylvester Stallone contribute fine vocal work. The vocal performances help to make the ants in 'Antz' become full-blooded, three dimensional characters-a rarity in modern animation.

'Antz' lacks the vibrant visual palette of Disney's comparable in quality 'A Bug's Life,' but features a script full of enormous wit and good characterizations.

Besides any animated picture that features subtle references to Marxism and George Orwell, has something going for it.



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There's Something About Mary

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Raking in \$180 million at the box office and featuring two or three of filmdom's most memorably tasteless moments, there's not much left to be said about the hilarious 'There's Something About Mary.' Without abusing adjectives too severely, 'Mary,' is that rarity among Hollywood comedy-a smart, dumb comedy. With a clever script that pays homage to everything from Woody Allen to the stateroom scene in the Marx Bros. masterpiece 'A Night at the Opera,' 'Mary,' has a lot going for it in the conceptual department. But what really makes the picture work, and seems to have gone unnoticed by many critics, is Cameron Diaz's titular performance.

Continually proving to be a fantastic comedic actress, Cameron Diaz more or less owns this movie. After showing her skill in films like 'She's the One,' 'My Best Friend's Wedding,' and even salvaging her scenes in the dismal 'Very Bad Things,' Diaz finally gets a role that lets her carry an entire movie. Moving from sweetness to toughness to awkward grace she commands the screen.

In addition to Diaz, Ben Stiller, Matt Dillon, Harland Williams, Lee Evans and W. Earl Brown all contribute fine comedic work. Famous for forever changing the way we look at hair gel and the phrase 'franks and beans' 'There's Something About Mary,' is a sweet and

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school's baseball field, and worse yet Blume falls for Miss Cross.

The entire premise for the film is hilarious from beginning to end, to have someone so grossly ecstatic about their school and all of it's activities, and then so intent on battling his friend for the love of a women twice his age is original to say the least. Not to mention other quirky aspects that make the film humorous, for instance every character, even the smallest roles reappear at one point or another, either in the back ground, or having a

pointless conversation.

From his smart-ass smirks to his distinct deliverance of lines Jason Schwartzman's is electrifying, it is hard to believe that this is his debut in acting. Williams puts forth an outstanding performance as well, as the refreshing leading lady who is the object of Fischer's and Blume's affections.

Her English accent is one thing on a list of adorable qualities she possesses. However, the standout of the entire film would be Bill Murray at his true to form finest. In this role he only adds to his other successful characters of the past, ranging from Carl Spackler to Dr. Peter Venkman. His surliness and pathetic outlook on his family is a riot.

A few interesting visual displays, for instance along with well planned



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On the location set of 'Rushmore,' director/screenwriter Wes Anderson (right), Bill Murray (left) and Jason Schwartzman (center).

and written music, by Mark Mothersbaugh of Devo and Rugrats fame, adds even more. Even though this film has been left out of the Oscar spotlight doesn't mean that you should pass it up.

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'Final Four' offers realistic basketball

By DIMITRI TONG
The BG News

989 Studios is off to a good start this year with the new release of "NCAA Final Four '99." "Final Four '99" is the first college basketball game to be released by the 989 Sports team, and is a welcome addition to an already excellent line-up of video games that they have produced.

"NCAA Final Four '99" features a plethora of Division 1 teams, 292 to be exact, very smooth and detailed 3D graphics and play-by-play announcing. It also features referees and coaches that walk up and down the sidelines, something I have never seen in a video game until now.

"Final Four '99" graphics are very realistic and well-animated. Not only are the arenas and stadiums excellently detailed, but the players have been scaled to their actual height and weight to add to the realism. "Final Four" features college All-Americans like Brevin Knight and Paul Pierce who are used in motion capture technology to give the players authentic and realistic movements. Everything from dribbling through

the legs, to the "cherry-pick" has been included.

989 Studios has also incorporated a new "Touch Shooting" feature, which is basically a little meter that pops up when you shoot to give the player added accuracy. While this feature is nothing astronomical, you will probably want to leave it on so you can sink more of those 3 point shots.

Other features that have been incorporated include "Icon Passing," "Icon Switching," and "Icon Cutting." These three features give the game player total control over who they want to pass and switch to, and who they want to cut to the basket for the easy lay-up or monster dunk. "Final Four" even has a "6th Man Meter" which will fire up the crowd, as well as your team, and in the process throw the opposing team off guard.

The sound quality of "Final Four '99" is also to be praised. Everything from crowd chants and fight songs, to the squeak of the players' shoes has been added so that the player will feel as if they are actually in the arena. However, it is the play-by-play announcing by ESPN's Quinn Buckner that tops it off and really puts you in the game.

The only problems I have with "NCAA Final Four '99" is the lack of some common options found in most basketball games, such as the ability to turn off goal-tending,



the shot-clock, three-in-the-key, and out-of-bounds. Also, it seems that fouls are called too often. Even the most gentle nudge seems to draw a foul. Luckily, you can still turn that function off.

Other than the lack of some options, "NCAA Final Four" is an all-around good game, even better than its competition "NCAA March Madness" by EA Sports. If you've already bought "NCAA March Madness," I feel sorry for you because "NCAA Final Four '99" is faster, smoother and much more exciting to play.

DURIAN

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because we've grown and changed, and they're the only songs we can really get excited about playing. More or less, when we talk about Durian as an idea, we think about the 7". It's more where we're at."

They released the single on the newly-formed Diver City Records, which Hermann and bassist Cameron Brock started as, among other things, a way to release Durian material. And though the band is not embarrassed by their first CD, they can see how they've progressed since then. This is partly due to the fact that different studio engineers create different recording atmospheres.

While recording *Tomorrow* 6:30, they were given free reign by the typically laid-back Zientara.

"I think when we first arrived in the studio, after we saluted

him and made burnt offerings at his pyre, we pretty much settled down," Hermann says. "He was just a nice guy."

However, Zientara offered little feedback, positive or negative, and Hermann feels the band (which also includes guitarist Kevin Adams and drummer Jason Merriman) could have benefited from a little guidance. He explains the members spent so much time admiring the different parts of each song they lost sight of the whole. Hermann says their new sound is more focused, and the 7" is a testament to this.

"Having Jason on drums just adds a whole new dynamic to the band," says Stewart. "He's a hard-hitting drummer, and he's got a much nicer edge."

And since recording their new songs last summer to 16-track, the band's sound has matured even more. At their Bowling Green performance, their

crunchy guitar work, stop-start rhythms and complex vocal melodies echoed the work of other D.C. bands like Shudder to Think, Fugazi and The Dismemberment Plan.

Although, Hermann's classically-trained, operatic voice owes more to Craig Wedren (Shudder to Think) than it does Ian Mackaye (Fugazi). But Durian won't call themselves "math-rock" or "hardcore," two categories many D.C. bands tend to get lumped into.

"I think the safest term would be post-punk art-pop," Stewart says, half-seriously.

"We're all over the place," Hermann insists. "We're all into fairly musically sophisticated stuff, whether it's jazz or metal. There's this understanding that music needs to hit people on a visceral level."

Durian is currently planning to hit the road in April for a

three-week tour and again in September for a West Coast excursion.

In between, they'll return to the studio to record a five-song EP during the summer. On top of that, they've got a song coming out on the *Law of Inertia* compilation, an Ithaca, NY fanzine and indie-label. Not bad for a young band that modestly insists upon their own obscurity.

"We've played out many times in D.C., but not enough times, and at enough key shows to make an impression on whatever D.C. scene there is," Hermann says. "I think we fit in among younger bands, like Gift to the Greedy ... our sound is certainly formed by D.C."

Durian's new 7" single *Goodwill* is available at Madhatter or through Dischord Record's mail order.

PAYBACK

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... he is too "above the law" to get caught.

The acting done by Mel Gibson is exceptional. He is multi-dimensional, having both nerves of steel and a soft heart. Unfortunately, the script was a little too unbelievable ... Porter (Gibson's character) was merely a human, not an immortal and above-the-law being.

Creativity is the key though ... the film definitely did not lack in

this department. Various types of torture were abundant in Payback that help to set it apart from all the other blood-and-guts movies that are out there. Also, the variety of situations that Porter gets involved with are certainly entertaining.

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